

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD JANUARY 2007 / 13TH PAUSHA 1928

WP(C).No. 26794 of 2006(M)

PETITIONER:

N. RAVEENDRANATHAN NAIR,
RAVI VIHAR, PALIAKKARA NORTH, THIRUVALLA
(EX.HEAD OPERATOR, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,
P.H. DIVISION, THIRUVALLA).

BY ADV. SRI.M.R.GOPALAKRISHNAN NAIR

RESPONDENTS:

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1. KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,
REPRESENTED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,JALABHAVAN,
VELLAYAMBALAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
 2. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, P.H.DIVISION, THIRUVALLA.

BY ADV. SRI.J.KRISHNA KUMAR, SC, KWA

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 03/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J.

WP(C)No. 26794 OF 2006

Dated this the 3rd January, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner retired from the service of the first respondent-Water Authority while working as Head Operator on 31.10.2005. He has approached this Court with the grievance that terminal benefits due to him have not been disbursed. He has sought for a direction to the respondents to sanction and disburse pension and other retirement benefits with interest, expeditiously.

2. Counsel for the respondents have filed a statement wherein it is stated inter alia that the petitioner though retired on 31.10.2005, submitted his pension papers only on 27.7.2006 and the same was received in the concerned sub-division office on 28.7.2006.

3. Though the above statement affords some explanation for the delay on the part of the respondents, that is no justification to delay the disbursement of pension despite the lapse of five months from the date of submission of the pension papers.

4. In the circumstance I feel that a time limit shall be fixed for the to sanction of terminal benefits and disbursement of the same to the petitioner. Accordingly the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents

to accord sanction for the terminal benefits due to the petitioner within three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. The amount due with arrears shall be disbursed to the petitioner within one month thereafter. Needless to state that future pension shall be disbursed to the petitioner in the respective months in accordance with the rules. The petitioner shall produce a copy of the judgment before the respondents for necessary action.

K.K.DENESAN
Judge